

Galatians 6:10 "Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith."

February 21, 2016

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS---

- Terry Langley, Roger Key, Sue Whitehead, John Ozley, Sara Ozley, Aladene Jacks, Kynethia Kelley, Amanda Kelley, Myra Garrison, Jimmy Parker, Stefani, Kate Miller, Johnny Richardson, Tim Craven, Mickey Aldridge, Beverly Craven, Tuesday Pierce, Faye Wilkinson Goodwin, Sarabeth Upton, Rhonda Knowles.
Sawyer Jones, Jeremiah Hughes, Robert Langley, Ana Reichelderfer & all of our servicemen and women who are defending freedom. Our nation and its leaders. Those that preach and teach the gospel; especially those who labor under hardships. Ben Brownfield, Shannon Brown, and Terry Tatum (Christians' at Donaldson) and Robert Gibson and Walter Aldridge (released Christians who are struggling).

BLACK CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Ladies and men's bible class will be scheduled later.
Donaldson Bible Classes Suspended due to quarantine.

Area Gospel Meetings:

Market Street church of Christ.....Singing.....Friday, Feb. 26, 2016.....7:00 P.M.



Those Needing our Prayers.....

We rejoice that Erika Powell was baptized for the remission of her sins Wednesday night. Please pray for her as she grows in the faith.
Claudine Watkins- (Jimmy Poole's sister and former member at Black Creek) passed away this week. Our prayers are with the Watkins and Poole families.
Amanda Kelley who continues to experience problems with heart rhythm.
Terry Tatum (Christian who is incarcerated) has requested prayers.
Jimmy Parker (Tim's father) needs prayers.
Roger Key is about the same
Becky Oglesby (Melanie's friend who has breast cancer) Pray for her as she undergoes continual chemo therapy.
John Ozley has returned to Golden Living in Riverchase.

Black Creek Banner of Truth

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"You have given a BANNER to those who fear you, that it may be displayed because of the TRUTH. " Psalms 60:4

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Schedule of Services

Lord's Day Wednesday
9:30 A.M. Bible Classes
10:30 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M. Worship (3 PM on the second Sunday of every month)

Elders

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Truman Wallace 483-7016
Van Cooper 491-9695

Deacons

Jeff Swindle 475-3043
Matt Carter 491-0414
Roger Key 491-3723
Mike Wood 522-5703
John Powell 641-5181

Evangelist

Sammy Bynum 368-3511

Who We Are: The Black Creek Church of Christ is simply a group of Christians dedicated to serving God. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and it is to be our sole guide. We are committed to preaching the gospel of Christ, which is man's only hope for eternal life.

We are interested in helping anyone who is searching for the way to God. We welcome the opportunity to privately study the Bible with you. If you would contact us, we would be happy to meet with you. In addition, you are invited to visit one of our public assemblies (information is above). At our public Bible studies, we have classes for adults and children of all ages. If we can help you in knowing more about God and His Word, then please visit, call, or write us.

(Visit us on-line at (WWW.blackcreekchurch.com)

Encourage One Another

Recently I asked several young Christians this simple question: "Are you more encouraged by what fellow Christians SAY, or by what they DO?" While they certainly did not discount the value of encouraging words, they all agreed that actions speak louder than words.

I then asked them to be more specific, to tell me some things they've observed other Christians do (or say) that encouraged them. Here's the list, and I would encourage you to add your own. By the way, I think you'll be able to see just how closely they're watching.

Seeing married Christians, without a faithful spouse, continue to faithfully serve the Lord.

Seeing Christians attend gospel meetings at other local congregations.

Seeing young Christians make an effort to get to know each other, and to maintain friendships with each other.

Seeing Christians really engaged in a sermon, whether by taking notes, turning to the Scriptures, or by just giving very careful attention.

Seeing the often underappreciated work deacons do (organizing class material, updating the directory, audio/visual chores, building maintenance, etc.).

Seeing Christians arrive early to services, indicating just how excited they are to be there.

Seeing Christians stay late after services to talk with their brethren.

Seeing Christians warmly greet those who visit services, especially visitors who aren't Christians.

Seeing Christians show hospitality, knowing the time, planning, and expense that goes into it.

Seeing Christians "struggle" back to services after an injury or illness, making it clear that they really missed being there.

Seeing elderly Christians, or Christians feeble with illness, still determined to do all they can in the kingdom.

Seeing the love, comfort, and compassion of Christians at a funeral, knowing that some of these Christians traveled a great distance to be there.

Seeing young unmarried couples

take extraordinary measures to maintain their purity, some perhaps even refusing to be alone together.

Seeing Christians come to the aid of small, struggling churches, ones that maybe don't have the people needed to fill various roles.

Seeing Christians respond when you need their help, sometimes going out of their way to do so, or perhaps changing their own plans.

Seeing Christians buck the trend and make every effort to dress modestly.

Hearing parents ask what they can to do help their children be ready for the class you're teaching.

Receiving a "well done" from a fellow-Christian, whether in person, or by letter, email, etc.

Brethren, keep doing these things, and everything else involved in faithful service. It's obviously making a big impact.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11, ESV). **by Bryan Gibson**

Wednesday Night Services

- At Wednesday night services, the Bible is taught, the word of God Almighty.
- Wednesday night services increase our faith as we better understand and appreciate the unsearchable riches of God.
- Wednesday night services are a midweek respite from life in a sinful world, a recharge of our spiritual batteries.
- Wednesday night services help prepare us to meet life's challenges.
- Wednesday night services help build stronger character.
- Wednesday night services provide an opportunity to associate with brethren and encourage each other.
- Wednesday night services provide an opportunity to bring others with you to hear the gospel of Christ.
- Wednesday night services enable us to join our hearts in prayer and praising God in song.
- Wednesday night services may be the time when you hear some truth that will change your life forever.

If you don't attend Wednesday night services...

- What do you do with that time?
- How does that activity compare to these blessings?
- Which activity will better help you go to heaven?
- Which is a better use of your time?- by **Whit Sasser**